

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention I, claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 without traverse.

Applicants note that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the U.S. Patent Office on June 23, 2004 has not yet been received. Applicants kindly request that the Examiner provide a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 in the next official action.

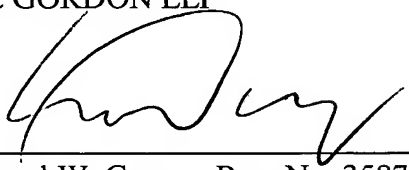
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 35966.

Respectfully submitted,

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